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First and Last Love.

'No, no, Phillip, don't talk about it; don't dream of it. I marry? I, Jonathan Granby, marry? Can the same violet bloom next year that last night's frost destroyed? Can the blue eye open again that is once shut under the coffin-lid, and sod, and snow?

'But the flower does bloom again; and the eye that is shut is not the only—
'Stop, boy! I tell you there will never be such a flower again—never be another fit to call a flower. Never an eye like that. No, no, no—Throw up the window, Phil; I am suffocating in this hot room. What the devil does John mean by loading the fire in this way? Cold, is it? I am not cold, and you are not as old as I. Not old, eh? why, I am fifty. Young, warm blood! What, in the name of sense are you talking about? Look at me once now, and say if I look young or warm.'

'I see no wrinkles.
'That's clear.'
'I see no feebleness.'
'That's back.'
'I do see that your eyes and nose are growing red.'

'You be hanged! That's no sign of age.'
'What is it? Why the heart is the measure of time, and that tells the story. Not by beats, as some one has blunderingly written; nor does the whose heart beats quickest live the longest; by any manner of means. All that is poetry and gammon, let me tell you. But the trials and the joys, the pains and pleasures of the heart, these mark our lives. He who has loved once has lived a little while; he who has loved seven times has lived a long life.'

'And you?'
'Fourteen.'
'Mahammed! And who was the violet—the flower never to be equalled?

'First, last, and only loved. There is but one love after all. Fourteen, did I say? I might have said forty as well. But there was only one that I now look back on with emotion; only one that shines out of the black blank of my wasted life; only one oasis in all this desert I have traveled over. All the others were but mirage, deceptions, dreams, fancies; all are as nothing in the presence of that memory. But let us have done with badinage, Phillip. I tell you sober truth. I was like many other young men, a devotee to the sex. I followed many a brilliant face, and thought I loved many a woman. I can recall more than I care now to name to you, to whom I paid homage, which, for the time, was earnest and sincere. But I look back over all these now, and in my memory they are but as the passing sunbeams on a rolling sea between me and my one bright home of love, joy—full, overflowing joy—and then disappear—Oh! Phillip, Phillip, the surf that breaks on the shores of youth is musical in the ears of age, long storm tossed, and wishing once more the repose of trusting, unsuspecting love.'

My friend, Jonathan Granby, was a man of the world to ordinary acquaintance, and a man of heart and feeling to his intimate friends. No one can need a further description of him; for that explains, to any knowing reader, precisely what he was. He was my friend; I say it confidently. He was not so much my senior that we could not converse freely and with the confidence of intimate acquaintance; nor was his style of thought and of talk very dissimilar to that which I most liked. He was an accomplished scholar, and in earlier years had been a very handsome man. He was still of commanding appearance, though it must be confessed that the back and claret before alluded to, with some additions of port and porter, had given a rotundity to his form and face which had quite displaced the lines of beauty or changed them into plain arcs of circles.

But a nobler man did not exist, nor one more respected among his limited circle of acquaintances. His habits and manners were somewhat of the old sort, and his tastes moulded by his early ideas; but he had the grace to yield to others what was not pleasing, and so he lived in a circle of friends who admired and loved him, enjoying the reputation of a free and very easy bachelor.

He would not very often talk to me of his affections, and it was not until a winter evening after I had known him ten years or more, that I heard him mention them.

The night was bitterly cold, though clear, and we had been listening to the northwester, as it howled over the chimneys and around the corner of the next street, until both of us were melancholy, and in such a mood as a wailing wind is apt to produce. I had suggested to him the idea of taking a wife to his splendid home, which was fitted with every luxury and convenience and ornament that old or new taste could devise or suggest, except only this.

His reply was the commencement of this article. After we had talked as I have written, there was a pause of a few minutes, and then he turned to me with a smile in his keen eye, and taking his cigar slowly from his lips, while the smoke curled up around the twisted bronzes of the chandelier under which he sat, he spoke again, and in his most kindly tone.

'I have half a mind to talk to you of old times, Phillip. I think you would hardly laugh at me. Heavens! if I—, or S—, or any of them, should hear me say I once loved a woman, I should never hear the last of it. What would they say to know I am not a bachelor.'

'You, Granby?'

'I am not a bachelor.'

'You have a wife?'

'I had a wife.'

'Where is she?'

'Gone.'

'Where?'

'To God, I trust. Yes, I trust that much. It may be so; it must be so. It cannot be otherwise. She was too fair, too pure, too much of angel mould to be forever lost. And yet Lucifer fell. The bright star that led the morning song of old creations fell. God help me! I know not where she is, Phillip.'

'Is she dead?'—I whispered the question.

'Yes, dead long ago, and dust of the earth now.'

Another long pause ensued. He rose from his seat and walked across to an old mahogany writing desk, or book case, or closet, a curiously carved piece of furniture, and took from a drawer a small case of ebony. He paused to light a fresh cigar as he turned to me with it in his hand. The smoke of it curled thickly up into his right eye as he handed it to me to open. Perhaps, probably, it was the smoke that caused the tear to fill the eye. Perhaps it was not.

I opened the case, and he sat down with his back to me, and his feet on the fender. It was a magnificent sight that. Jewels of the rarest and most splendid kind, diamonds, rubies, and emeralds, and jewels that I did not know the name of. There was the cost of a crown or a kingdom to my astonished eyes in the setting of the picture, but the jewels did not outshine the face that was among them, fairest and proudest of all.

It was the face of a queen—of a Mary of Scots or more, perhaps, of old King Rene's daughter, in her girlhood. Beautiful exceedingly, in all the rare beauty of seventeen years of unclouded joy. Yet, as I looked at the face, I saw a something that I cannot well explain it—that made me think that face was made for tears and sadness. Joyous as it was, fairly radiant with gladness, I still thought that was but the painter's fiction, and that sorrow would find a fit residence in those glorious eyes.

A torrent of dark brown hair flowed over her shoulders, and her eyes were lifted just enough to express full delight; but had they been lifted a little farther the face would have been that of the angel that loved his Lord best of all those who fell, and loved Lucifer next, and was tempted to his ruin, now looking up to his lost throne and forgotten Master.

'I said she was my first love and my last. Listen, and I will tell you all.'

'She was the daughter of a clergyman who lived near our home. He was wealthy, and had purchased a splendid place adjoining my father's, which, you remember, came into my possession when I was of age. I met her first in one of my walks through my own lands, which were not separated from her father's by any fence or wall. She had strolled through the woods as was her custom, accompanied only by her dog, a large, broad-chested fox-hound, as like as well could be to your dog John, that you are so proud of. He knew that he had a queen to guard, and so he told me by his bearing when he approached me.'

'I was respectful; he was firm. The formality of an introduction had not been complied with, and I must not come near. He knew I was a stranger; and though I bowed and lifted my hat, he was not to be appeased, and I could not pass down the path except I fought the dog. The lady laughed, and I joined the laugh. It was introduction enough for us, but not so thought her more than duenna-careful guardian. We exchanged a look, a smile, a laugh; and then I welcomed my regret at not being able to welcome the repose of trusting, unsuspecting love.'

'You doubtless think I have taken possession with arms and troops, said she, with a glance at the dog.'

'I could certainly wish that your army was less formidable, said I; but, perhaps, at another time it may be so, and I turned aside.'

'A formal call at her house was my next business, and she was not at home. The next week she was in the wood again, and without her guardian. It was not at the first, the second, nor the third interview that I began to love her. I can not tell when it was. I thought her, at first, too far above human nature to be loved by a man, and at length I found myself worshipping her. I used the old words of lovers. I can find no other. I did do reverence to her. I was a boy before her. She was my whole life, my idol, in every sense of the word. I did not know or care that there was a God above us both—I worshipped but her.'

'That picture is not flattering. She was just such a person as you see her there—young, and exquisitely beautiful, and fit to be a queen.'

'She thought she loved me. Yes, I know she did. She had not seen the world, had not been in company, had had no attentions from men, had been with her father shut up from childhood, and she doubtless believed that she loved me truly, faithfully.'

'I can not tell you all that history of our love, of the long days in the deep forest, under the shadowy oaks and sombre pines; of the evenings on the piazza, hidden from her father's eye by the thick woodbine; of the close clasps of hands, the soft pressure of cheek to cheek, the thrilling touch of her head to my shoulder, the long embraces, the long kisses.'

'I asked her once if she had ever dreamed of love before. I did not ask her if she had ever loved; she had told me often that she never had.'

'She answered frankly that she had once thought she loved, but that was a childish affair, long past. It was a boy schoolmate, who had been educated in her father's family before her father was rich, and who had grown up with her. He was but nineteen when she saw him last, and she but fourteen, and she had forgotten him till I asked the question.'

'There was no hesitancy, no blushing, no concealment. She told me that he had kissed her often—on her cheek, and forehead, and lips—and she had kissed him perhaps as often. I confess that I winced a little; but her eyes looked down away distrust—those splendid eyes.'

'She described George Gray. He was a good, gentle boy, with some life and much gaiety, and a keen, quick, active mind. Mischievous at times, but always kind. She seemed to like to talk about him, and I let her talk.'

'Weeks—months—a year passed by, and our love grew daily. It was arranged that she was to pass a year with her father's sister, a fashionable lady in the city, before our marriage. Such was her father's peremptory desire, and we yielded.'

'I could not see her often while there, and when I did see her, it was in a full room, seldom alone, never where I could hold her in my arms, never where I could hear her say "I love you." A few stolen kisses, which she feared, more than I,

might be seen by some one, were all the tokens of love we exchanged. And yet I never doubted her for an instant. I would rather have doubted the sky, the stars, any of the immutable objects around us, than her love, which I believed had grown to be a mountain.

'Let me hasten to the end. We were married—in all the splendor of wealth. Crowds of friends congratulated us, and among the crowd that were at the wedding was George Gray. He was the friend of her aunt, and had been a frequent visitor at her house. In fact, he had lived there for three months before the marriage. I knew this afterwards, not then.'

'Her aunt was a woman of fashion, a gay, soulless woman, one of the detestable class who live for the enjoyment of to-day, forgetting that there is to-morrow. The effect of this companionship for a year had changed her whole character. I did not perceive it at first, but it was soon made manifest. She loved gay assemblies, and did not care whether I accompanied her. So within six months after our marriage my dream of love was over. We lived separately, not to the world's eye, but in fact. We occupied separate rooms, seldom met in the house or in society, never sat together, never folded each other in our arms as of old, never pressed our lips to each other's cheeks or lips, never looked kindly in each other's eyes. It was all over, all our young glad dreams, all our joyous hopes, all our brilliant fancies. I sat long nights alone in my library when she thought I was reading, but when I was struggling with the agony of my life. Still I trusted her, still I believed her mine and only mine, still she was magnificently beautiful.'

'One evening she was to go to a large party—her carriage was at the door. I met her in the entry. How splendidly she looked. I paused in involuntary admiration of her, and she saw it and smiled. I sprang forward and took her hand in mine. She half withdrew it, and then looked at me so meaningly. She turned her face away. I raised up, lips to hers. She gave me her cheek and trembled as I kissed it. I saw her, and remembered afterward. The next moment she kissed me once on my lips and was gone.'

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LETTER FROM SACRAMENTO.

SACRAMENTO, Oct. 18th, 1855.

EDITOR FIREMAN'S JOURNAL:—The many false statements contained in the communications of your correspondent "Hip-a-link," suggest to me the propriety of a brief reply. This was unnecessary, but for the purpose of disabusing the minds of those of our brother firemen of San Francisco, who may have received erroneous impressions by reason of his false and slanderous statements.

He has labored to give to give the impression that the Chief Engineer of our Fire Department, backed by his friends, has favored this, or that Company or measure, just in proportion to its conformity with the principles or policy of the political party to which he belongs. This is all false, and does not do him the honor which he deserves. He has his own proper signature. Other matters, upon which he has touched, concerning individuals and companies of our Department, are equally slanderous and devoid of truth.

It requires but few qualifications to "make up" that meanness of all mean scoundrels, an anonymous slanderer. An utter disregard of truth, with sufficient prudence to keep a cowardly carcass out of harm's way, is about the sum total of the requisites. Your correspondent "Hip-a-link," possesses these accomplishments in an eminent degree.

I question the judgment that admits in the columns of a paper such as your own, communications derogatory of companies or individuals composing a Fire Department. The little disagreements and bickerings so apt to exist in such an organization, generated in most cases by that peculiar and laudable ambition to excel, which forms so distinguished a trait in the character of firemen, should never find a place in the columns of a fireman's paper. Its mission should rather be to allay and soothe these petty animosities.

In justice to myself and the Company to which I belong, I respectfully ask a place in your columns for this communication.

Your Obedient Servant,
JOHN H. HOUSEMAN,
Foreman Protection Engine Co. No. 2.

The New Bedford Mercury says:—
'The fire engines at Yarmouth are manned chiefly by females, who volunteer for the service whenever the occasion offers. They have been called out on two occasions recently, and behaved nobly. The "Register" remarks that the vigorous exercise attendant upon these exertions so much improved the complexion and heightened the charms of the ladies, that several desperate bachelors have expressed their intention to settle to some other buildings, for the pleasure of seeing "the department" turn out in force!—Wonder if they would extend the customary hospitality to visiting firemen?'

What a treat it would be for a company of "lady firemen" to visit San Francisco. The boys would come out; what playing matches there would be. How the girls would stand up for the last drop of water thrown from the "butt." We fancy we can see one or two of our "gentlemanly" foremen advancing to the captain of the ladies, cap and trumpet in hand, and inquiring if she is satisfied with the measurement; and then her reply, half to the inquiring corp, and half to the Company. 'Oh, yes, it is perfectly fair; we can do better, however; our engine is out of order.' Shake her up lively, girls, and show them what you can do! How interesting it would be to listen to their sweet voices, as they descended upon the merits of a "Button" and a "Smith," as a matter of course contending for the supremacy of the builder of their own "machine," (as women always do advocate the claims of those in whom they are interested.) and then when the battle waxed warm, to witness the "boys" suppress the contending emotions of love for the girls, and hate for their ungallant remarks—and when an alarm came, to see the girls man the rope, race with the engines, reach the fire, "stretch" in the hose, and claim the first water; and after all, to escort them round to see the "sights"—the schools, the orphan asylums, the ladies relief society, and—oh! won't some of our up-country friends form a "lady fire company," and send them on a visit to San Francisco?

LETTER FROM SACRAMENTO.

SACRAMENTO, Oct. 19th, 1855.

EDITOR FIREMAN'S JOURNAL:—The question is, 'Who is Hip-a-link?' and 'Who is Machine?' The Union man intimates they are both one and the same person, and to tell the truth, it has that appearance so far as rapping the same companies and praising Engine Co. No. 6 is concerned, but no further. 'Hip-a-link' is one who is a close observer; he is on the look out all the time, and nothing worthy of note escapes his observation. Scarcely a day passes but he can be seen in the several engine houses, talking with their occupants. He treasures up all they have to say, and dishes it out to suit himself. He knows how much to believe and how much is 'gas,' and if the firemen of this city are anxious to be posted, they must read the 'Fireman's Journal.'

Thus far, Engine Cos. Nos. 1, 5 and 6 have behaved themselves, and reflect credit on the Department, but I have my eye on them, and if they require a chastisement, I shall lay on and spare not. Engine Co. No. 2 has commenced mending its ways, and if they pursue their present course, will in a short time get at the head again, and not, in company with No. 3, sustain its present post at the tail of the Department. Engine Cos. Nos. 1, 5 and 6 have crowded them from their old place. Keep right now, and Hip-a-link will do you justice. Engine Co. No. 3 can profit also by my remarks to No. 2.

Your readers now have an introduction to Hip-a-link. He and 'Machine' are two separate and distinct bodies, have no connection, and although they may often be together, yet are unknown to each other. I have a good opinion and also a bad opinion of 'Machine'; in some things he entertains the same views I do, but he rolled the wrong way. He is like some of our companies, who generally run from instead of to a fire. He has woken out of a sound sleep, and hearing the tinkling of a cow bell, the weaver of which in search of something green had instinctively wandered in his vicinity; he imagined there was fire, so he went out, kept on, and I intend examining him before he goes in. Hip-a-link having a spluttering of bad English, and also being guided by la er beer, followed close in the wake of 'Machine,' and ascertained it was of foreign manufacture. In overheating the words, I found that it was strongly impregnated with lager beer and gas. 'Machine' is crying mad dog when he touches politics. I do not wish, and have not introduced that subject in my communications, but if compelled to in self defence, I will handle 'Machine' in such a style that issues, the steward, will curse the men who worked her; he will have to work night and day for a month 'er it will be righted. 'Machine,' you are out on a false alarm; back down and clear, or you may never reach home.

'Machine' says the Chief is imprudent to a fault. That is a back-handed compliment. Report says he did not like to say which company got the first water on the hill fire. No. 5 voted against him for Engineer, while No. 1 voted for him; to decide against No. 1 might lose their votes next August; to decide against No. 5 might drive them from him, providing they could be won to his support; so to keep on the right side, he compromise, and O' Mostest such a decision! Nos. 1 and 5's water both struck the hill at the same time—singular coincidence. Of course it was satisfactory to both parties—in a horn; both companies ridiculed the dodge. The fire is not yet out, and Chief has devoted more time to that bill than two months salary will compensate him for. Is it true that Engine Co. No. 2 a few days since worked on it? If so, then they had the last water on, if they did not the first. Why not order out the Hose Co. for that service?

On Tuesday morning the bell of No. 3 sounded an alarm; Nos. 1 and 5 of course were out, but where was No. 3? were they waiting for the horse to finish his oats? if so, they had better negotiate for the purchase of a locomotive from the Valley Railroad Company. Hook and Ladder No. 1 having been transmogrified into a club, it has become a petrified stick, and was not out. Engine Co. No. 4 that night fed their tender boys on gingerbread, and their mothers had put them to bed—so much for reading the Journal—of course they were not out. The two 2's on 8th Street of course were not out; they had overrated themselves on a previous occasion, when one of them was passed and the other was defending Sebastopol. Marshall, the Assistant Foreman of No. 6, having been lately married is probably the reason why they were not out.—Hose Co. No. 1 were not out; they have been exposed such a length of time in the open air that they were afraid it would hurt their constitution. The Council heretofore has put a fifty dollar plaster on their back once a quarter, in hopes it would infuse a little vitality into the shabby frame, but they find it 'all pay and no cure,' so they have changed the practice, and last Monday instead of the plaster they got a wet blanket; whilst the water is killing. If they don't soon give up the ghost voluntarily, they will meet with violent death; they ought to die, if for no other purpose than to accommodate ex-Chief Folger; he is blowing and bobbing around for the purpose of getting No. 7 through the Council; how many more companies does he intend to help organize? what is he aiming at? who does he want to head? if he does not keep quiet, I will post the firemen; I have my eye on him.

On Monday evening, Engine Co. No. 2 elected John H. Houseman, Foreman; Andrew Aitkins, First Assistant; M. Reid, Second Assistant; H. Kaufman, Secretary; H. Van Every, Treasurer. Why was not Reid promoted? was Sebastopol taken? Engine Co. No. 8 want to father the horse on Isaac. They will kill the Chronicle man if they ever get a chance; it was cruel to copy that. They were taken with cramps Sunday morning—caused, as is supposed, by reading the Fireman's Journal; the heart, like its lower extremities on a former occasion, was dreadfully agitated, and it was fearful it would fall from the body—a new carpet would materially aid in getting the invalid on its legs again. If they had more fire doctors and less 'sogars,' they might get cured. They ought to have the floor of their house repaired; also the spring for the pipe; if

the spring did not suit the company of No. 2, is no reason why it should be palmed off on No. 3; neither should No. 4's doors look so shabby, whilst No. 2's are taken care of; those companies are tiring of asking the Chief to attend to their wants. No. 4 must keep the boys out of their house; they have more to say than those who legitimately belong there; they smoke, chew and swear with great gusto; their conduct does not add much respectability to the company.

Ex Chief Polley is in receipt of a letter from Button. The Engine for No. 5 is, and has been ready since last May. He says there is yet a small amount due, and on remitting he will ship, and not before. The Council restricted him to \$2000, which amount was forwarded last March. Where is the fault? has the money stuck? if so, it will not be the first time the Department has suffered by slippery hands. No. 5 must wait some time before they see their 'Darling,' but have patience, all in good time. Which of the Assistant Engineers pompously waited on the Chief, and notified him that he was off duty; it is a wonder the Chief did not burn up. Which of the Engineers want to sell the bells belonging to the Association, and purchase a new one, to be located in the centre of the city? Are the Board of Trustees in favor of it? It is a bright move. The bells were presented, and should be sacred. The stewards must attend to all apparatus alike; if an extra polish is put on one, it is no reason why another should have less.

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Agents for the Fireman's Journal.
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We wish those corresponding with this paper to distinctly understand, that we will not permit one single word offensive in its nature to form a portion of their epistles. Much as we esteem those who favor us with their correspondence, we would prefer to forego the pleasure of their receipt, than to place ourselves in a position antagonistic to our taste and inclination. Our desire and intention in the establishment of this Journal, was to elevate, not to depreciate an organization like the Fire Department, and to retain that high opinion entertained by the people of its usefulness and honor. We have yet to learn, that rowdism and a free use of slang phrases, are the necessary adjuncts of a fireman. Some of our correspondents therefore must not be surprised or offended to find the composition of their manuscript materially altered and modified after it comes into our possession.

Considerable excitement has lately been engendered relative to the bad repairs of the streets and wharves leading to the water front of the city, the action of the Fire Department has in a measure increased it, but when we come to consider the matter, we think there is too much of a disposition to censure the present city authorities and attribute the bad condition of the streets to their action. The Fire Department, through its proper officers, passed resolutions refusing to run below Battery street, until the streets were repaired, but the property holders, presuming on the well-known alacrity of the Department, have paid but little or no attention to the matter. Complaints are of no avail, the city cannot pay for planking and repairing the streets, for the very good reason, she has no money in the treasury. In stead of useless complaining, let every property holder repair the street in front of his property, as has been done in many portions of the city heretofore. Let the occupants of places of business along the line of the dilapidated and dangerous streets insist that it shall be done, and refuse to pay rent until the streets are in a passable condition in front of their premises. They would have good grounds to decline paying rent under such circumstances as now exist, and should the owners of property still refuse to place the streets in order, remove to other locations. There are plenty of houses to let. There is no reason why certain parties should be compelled to fill in, plank, and keep in repair, at their own expense, a highway for those to travel on who refuse to put the streets in order in that part of the city where their property is situated. If the city was able to do the planking and repairing, it would cost nearly double the amount it would cost an individual, and it finally comes out of the property holders in the shape of taxes, and thus it would be actual economy to adopt the course we have suggested.

The Charitable Fund Benefit.
The daily papers are in error in regard to the amount received at the Fireman's Benefit last week, at the Metropolitan. After deducting all expenses, the amount accruing to the Charitable Fund was two hundred and forty-seven dollars. The reason for the amount being so small was that the firemen left the benefit for the citizens to patronize, which they did. We are getting sick and tired of these benefits to the Fund, three of them have been given since the last report in February, and the total amount yielded from them, will not reach even hundred and fifty dollars. If it is necessary for the firemen to support their own Charitable Fund, it would be better to tax each man twenty-five cents a month, which in the aggregate, would amount to four times as much as the Fund has received for benefits during the last year. The idea of a benefit given to the Charitable Fund of the Fire Department and expecting the members to attend in a body to swell the receipts, is becoming obsolete. That did very well two or three years ago, but it will not do now. We have known four thousand dollars benefits being given to the Charitable Fund, three thousand dollars of the amount coming out of the pockets of the firemen. Let the Charitable Fund be incorporated and a proper basis established upon which it may be increased, instead of taxing those for whose benefit it is founded.

NATIONAL GUARDS.—This Company, a large majority of which is composed of members of Pennsylvania Engine Company, have made arrangements to add another story to the building now being erected by the Company on Jackson street, for the purpose of an Armory. It will be spacious and convenient and fitted up with every comfort. The Pennsylvania Company only intend to build a two story house, but a sufficient amount to carry out the intent of the Military Company being obtained, the additional story will be constructed, the extra expense of which will be about eighteen hundred dollars. When such a spirit as this is evinced by the Military of San Francisco, it matters but very little whether the City provides for their accommodation or not.

FOR SALE.—Two of the best routes on this paper. For particulars apply at the office between the hours of 10 and 11 o'clock, A. M.

The Evening Journal stole several items from this paper last week, without a word of credit.

Lafayette Hook and Ladder Co. No. 2.
This new building is situated on Broadway between Dupont and Stockton streets. The front of the building is in the Italian style, and as seen from the north side of Broadway is very fine. The first story is of Benicia stone in the center; the sides are built of brick cemented. It is divided into three openings, all arched; center door, 8 feet wide; side door, 3 feet wide. The lintel course over the doorway and the key stone are richly carved with eggs, dantils and mouldings, trumpet and ropes. The eige in the spandrels between the pilasters and arch is a foliated scroll work of the national leaves with helmets. The second story is relieved with fluted column pilasters and the windows are arched with a heavy moulded architrave. The centre window is 6 feet 6 inches wide with a neat iron balcony, 9 feet long and 3 feet wide.

Over the side windows is two double panels with medallions in each, of Washington and Lafayette. The front has a neat pediment cornice with a fretwork frieze; on the top is a rich scroll ornament, and the whole front is cemented and painted the same color as the stone work.

On the roof is a large cupola of six fluted columns with rich Corinthian capitals made in the best style, with a neat cornice, dentils, mouldings, &c.

The dome is ribbed and surmounted with a ornament and flagstaff.

The first story as you enter the large arched doorway is for the housing of the truck, 64 feet long, 20 feet wide, and 14 feet high. In the rear of the truck room is a social hall, 19 feet by 20 feet, with a neat platform and rostrum. To the right is a door leading into the keeping-room, which is 10 feet by 12 feet. To the left is a door leading out on a grated platform connected with a wash-room and store-room, 10 feet by 8 feet. Between the social hall and the truck room is a large pair of moulded sliding doors.

The furniture of the truck is very convenient; torch-racks, axe-racks, and desks all of mahogany, &c.

The walls of the first story are wainscotted all around—3 feet 6 in. high, of narrow yellow pine with a neat moulded cap.

In the truck-room is a flight of circular stairs 4 feet 6 inches wide, easy risers and wide treads, running to the second story. The second story is divided up into a large hall in the front, and a committee room in the rear; between the hall and the committee-room is a double pair of folding doors. The front hall has a circular end, and is finished with a neat cornice and a rich centre piece. All the rooms are lighted with gas and adorned with rich pendants.

In the rear of the building is a large yard, 22 feet wide by 62 feet long, with a brick wall all around. The yard is fitted up with apparatus for a gymnasium, and has large water-closets, sink and wash-room for the use of the members of the Company.

Under the back part of the building is a fine cellar. The house and plans were designed and supervised by L. R. Townsend and P. E. Harant, architects, on California street; the contractor and builder was Mr. Benjamin Howard, formerly of New Orleans. The Building Committee was composed of the following: H. Cobb, Foreman of the Company; Roche, Assistant; Payes, Second Assistant; Bernard and Lucien.

Farwell's State Tribune of Oct. 24th has the following:—A gentleman of this city, just returned from the Bay, remarked that it seemed strange to him that the city of San Francisco is growing under an immense debt, and the wheels of government to all intents and purposes stopped—police-men and school teachers unpaid—that they are at the same time building granite front engine houses with stained glass windows, brass carvings, gas fixtures, and the like. It does sound strange, but then, the citizens voluntarily taxed themselves to the amount of \$200,000 for this very purpose. The result has been, enormous prices were paid for lots and houses erected in some instances more like palaces than common engine houses. But little of the Fire Bond remains unexpended, and still the department requires many things—cisterns are to be filled, hose and engines repaired, and old bills paid. It therefore suggests itself that plainer houses, less prettily furnished, common window glass instead of stained, and other things which, cost thousands, might be substituted for the rich and superbly fitted structures now used by the firemen. We believe the members, taking into consideration the state of the finances of San Francisco, would gladly dispense with the superfluous furniture and costly fixtures, and let the same money be expended for the necessities of the department. A little more economy might be productive of highly beneficial results.

No one knows better the general falsity of the article we quote, than the editor of the paper in question. It is true the \$200,000 was appropriated, to be paid in ten years from this time by an entire different people than those now living in San Francisco. The city authorities were paying an annual rent of \$28,000 for the accommodation of the apparatus, in buildings entirely unfitted for the purpose intended. When the citizens taxed themselves this voluntarily for the \$200,000, it was not so hopelessly bankrupt as it is now. The furniture in the houses lately built for the department, is purchased at the expense of the individual members of the respective companies, and thousands of dollars have been expended by them on the buildings above the appropriation which accrues to the interest of the city. We observe by the Sacramento papers that the city authorities there, on the principle of robbing Peter to pay Paul, are compelled to issue new bonds to pay an old debt for which other bonds had been given, we suggest to them, for the purpose of raising the needed, to sell the costly engine houses erected by them for the Department, take down the heavy rich upholstery work which adorns them, rip up the Brussels carpet, remove the rose wood furniture, and placing them in the auction room, raise money to pay their own debts, before they, through their public journals, poke their noses into the affairs of a sister city, just merely for the sake of it. It speaks well for the editor of Farwell's Tribune, to find fault with a community, through whose liberality he was sustained, and endeavor to throw discredit upon them, and one of their most important organizations, for the purpose of gaining favor with those whose interests he now advocates for a consideration.

YOUNG AMERICA'S BALL.—Our readers must not forget that the Ball of this company takes place on Thursday evening next, at Madame Pique's assembly rooms. This is the first entertainment of the kind given by the 'Thirteens,' and will be one of the finest yet given by any company in the Department. Although 'our dancing days are over,' we shall endeavor to be present. To our mind, a scene so much gayety and pleasure as is witnessed at a festival similar to the above, amply repays the looker on.

EMPIRE 1.—At an election for officers of this company, held on Monday evening, David Scannell was re-elected Foreman; Charles A. Howard, First Assistant Foreman; T. Henry Flanagan, Secretary.

Board of Foremen of the San Francisco Fire Department.

An accordance with an invitation from the Fire and Water Committee, the Chief Engineer and the Board of Foremen of the Department, met in the room of the Board of Assistant Aldermen on Thursday, at 12 o'clock. There were present: Foreman, Scannell, of No. 1; Cole, of No. 2; Nuttman, of No. 5; Hessefross, No. 6; Haskell, of No. 7; Walsh, of No. 8; Short, of No. 9; Herbert, of No. 10; Devos, of No. 11; Batturs, of No. 12; Hayes, of No. 13; Gibbs, of Hook and Ladder 1; Cobb, of Hook and Ladder 2; Van Bokkelen, of Hook and Ladder 3. Absent—Whitney, of No. 3, and O'Brien, of No. 4. Alderman Tewksbury was called upon to preside.

Assistant Alderman Van Dewater, rose and stated the object of the conference. That the wants of the Fire Department were great, imperatively demanded and increasing, and at present, they were unable to decide upon the best mode of affording relief; that to bring about some satisfactory result, the Fire and Water Committee of both Boards of Aldermen, had invited the officers of the Department to meet with him and advise upon the matter. He would therefore call upon some members of the Board of Foremen present, to state to the Fire and Water Committee the requirements of the Department.

Mr. Hessefross, of No. 6, stated that the machinery of the Department required extensive repairs; there had been a great number of fires within the past six months, and as a matter of course, considerable wear and tear of the apparatus. That in consequence of the financial state of the city, it had been found utterly impossible to have the apparatus placed in the proper order. That the companies had borne the expenses of repairs as long as they were able, but their other expenses were such that they could not possibly do it any longer, and they ask the Council for relief. The hose was in bad order, in consequence of not having been greased; the coupling out of order, and many improvements necessary.

Alderman Van Dewater, inquired whether it would be more satisfactory to the Department to have a Corporation Yard established, with a Superintendent, where the proper repairs to the machinery could be made, or to appropriate a certain amount to each company every month and let them make their own repairs.

Mr. Hessefross thought that an equal distribution among the companies of an amount for repairs, would cause dissatisfaction, for the reason that some apparatus in the Department was more extensive and required more repairs than others. That a Corporation Yard would be much cheaper, presided over by a party authorized to purchase oil, leather, dubbing, &c. Now if anything is required by the Department, an ordinance, occupying three weeks in its passage, must be passed before the material desired can be procured.

Mr. Cobb, of Hook and Ladder 2, was opposed to a Corporation Yard. If three or four engines required repairs at one time, a struggle would ensue as to which company should have their apparatus repaired first, and certain companies would say that their apparatus was neglected; while others, having less claim, would be attended to. He thought that an appropriation of \$150 per month to each company, far preferable; letting them attend to their own repairs. No. 6 was a large apparatus, and if the amount stated was sufficient to keep her in repair, other companies could not be dissatisfied, if their engines were smaller.

Assistant Alderman Wilson, said that the object of the present meeting was to relieve the Fire Department from its present embarrassment. If \$150 per month was sufficient for the repairs of each company, the next question which arises, is how can we give it to them. It was imperative on the Common Council to sustain the Fire Department; next to the Common Council, it was the most important organization of the city. Let an appropriation of \$150 be made per month to keep the apparatus in order, at any rate for the present, they assuming the responsibility to keep the apparatus in repair for that amount. He was opposed to the establishment of a Corporation Yard, it was too extravagant.

The chairman stated that it would be utterly impossible to make the proposed appropriation, as it would conflict with the Charter.

Assistant Alderman Dows, thought that the only way to reach the matter, would be by letting out the repairing of the apparatus to the lowest bidder, and no one knew better what would be required than the Foreman of each company. If the appropriation of \$150 to each company could be made, he would vote for it, but the Charter interposed its objection.

Assistant Alderman Van Dewater, said that if the Foreman of the Department knew just where the repairs of their apparatus, they could always attend to the same; and even if it was two or three months from this time before they could get the money, still the certainty of procuring it would be advantageous.

Assistant Alderman Wilson—Who is to pay the amount then?

Assistant Alderman Van Dewater—The City Treasurer.

Mr. Scannell, of No. 1, thought that the best plan to be pursued would be to let the repairs out to the lowest bidder; each Foreman putting in a bid and giving bonds to do all the necessary repairs to the apparatus for twelve months. It would be a great saving to the city, and would answer the companies as well.

Mr. Hessefross stated that the Corporation Yard was in existence in 1850—the expense amounting to about \$7,000 per month in scrip, but that then, men were paid \$12 per day for their services.

The Chief Engineer opposed the appropriation of \$150 per month to each company for repairs, and advocated the establishment of a Corporation Yard, that the expense of keeping it up now amounted to but \$800 per month, and that in scrip.

Mr. Scannell thought that if each company had a certain amount to depend upon, in cash, for repairs, they would be more careful in the management of their apparatus, and take a greater pride in their appearance.

Mr. Van Bokkelen, of Hook and Ladder 3, was in favor of the appropriation of \$150 per month to each company, and for the Foreman to give bonds for six or twelve months, that his apparatus should be kept in order for that amount, but that he should like to be certain where the money would come from.

The Chief Engineer said that the Corporation Yard had been abolished three successive times in New York, but that it had been found impracticable to do without it, and it was consequently re-established, and it would be necessary to pursue the same course here.

Mr. Batturs, of No. 12, was opposed to the Corporation Yard system. He said there were repairs necessary to be done to the apparatus which could not be done at the Corporation Yard. No. 6 and No. 12 had a collision in running to a fire last June. No. 12 was damaged to the amount of \$400, which the members of the company were compelled to pay out of their own pockets, as they have been compelled to pay for very dollars worth of repairs that their apparatus has needed. He believed that it would be an immense saving to the city to abolish the Corporation Yard. To render a Yard perfect in its details, there must be a painter, wheelwright, machinist, Superintendent and 'greaser,' all under salaries. It would be much better to give each company \$150 per month, and have the Foreman give bonds for the proper repairs to their apparatus.

Assistant Alderman Dows, said that by allowing each company to make its own repairs at \$150 per month, would be a saving to the city of \$248,000.

Mr. Hessefross said that the apparatus used previous to this year, was second hand, and old sent out here for sale; and as a matter of course, required more repairs than the apparatus now in use.

Mr. Short, of No. 9, thought that the action now being considered was premature; that \$150 per month was more than was required by each company, even including the Steward's salary. For his part, he could put all the necessary repairs on his apparatus for \$25 per month. He thought the best plan would be for the Foreman to meet and discuss the matter, and lay down some basis upon which all could agree.

Mr. Gibbs, of Hook and Ladder 1, opposed a Corporation Yard; that the very best thing that could be done for the interest of the city and the Department, would be to make the appropriation of \$150 per month to each company, and let them make their own repairs. His company were obliged to pay \$330 for repairs on their truck, which could not be done in the Corporation Yard.

Assistant Alderman Wilson, remarked that the expense of the city, for the apparatus of the Department being repaired, was a mere nothing. Thousands of dollars worth of bills were incurred by work done at establishments other than the Corporation Yard. That was what he wished to put a stop to, and the \$150 per month appropriation was the only effectual means.

Mr. Scannell, of No. 1, here stated that it was useless to say anything further relative to a Corporation Yard, there could not be one, for the reason that the Charter expressly stated all work and supplies must be let out to the lowest bidder.

Mr. Gibbs, of Hook and Ladder 1, moved that a vote be taken of the Foremen present, for and against the establishment of a Corporation Yard. Mr. Short objected, and asked that the matter be referred to the Board of Foremen at a subsequent meeting.

The vote being taken, resulted as follows:

In favor of the Corporation Yard, if the Charter allowed it—the Chief Engineer, Nuttman, of No. 5; Hessefross, of No. 6; Devos, of No. 11.

Against the Corporation Yard, and in favor of the \$150 appropriation—Scannell, of No. 1; Cole, of No. 2; Haskell, of No. 7; Walsh, of No. 8; Short, of No. 9; Herbert, of No. 10; Batturs, of No. 12; Hayes, of No. 13; Gibbs, of Hook and Ladder 1; Cobb, Hook and Ladder 2; Van Bokkelen, of Hook and Ladder 3.

Absent—Whitney, of No. 3; O'Brien, of No. 4.

After some conversation relative to the cisterns and streets, the conference adjourned.

BOARD OF FOREMEN.—The Board met yesterday at 12 o'clock—Present, Messrs. O'Brien, of No. 4; Nuttman, of No. 5; Hessefross, of No. 6; Walsh, of No. 8; Short, of No. 9; Herbert, of No. 10; Devos, of No. 11, and Mahoney, of Sansome Hook and Ladder 3.

A committee of three, consisting of Messrs. Hessefross, Short and Mahoney, to draft a memorial to be presented to the Common Council, relative to the requirements of the Department, was appointed. The Board then adjourned to meet on Sunday (to-morrow) afternoon, at 3 o'clock, to receive the report of the committee.

PENNSYLVANIA 12.—We are glad to have in our power to chronicle the actual commencement of the new house for this Company, on Jackson street. The edifice will be three stories in height, plain, substantial and elegant—from architectural designs prepared by Messrs. Clark & George. The Contractors expect to have the building ready for occupancy in six days.

SCHOOL TEACHERS.—For more than four months, the teachers of our public schools have not received one dollar of their salaries, although performing services of the most arduous and trying nature. We cannot conceive of a position more onerous than that of the teacher, combining, as it naturally must, elements of character, to be successful in fulfilling its demands, which none but those who by constant toil and patience, have attained, and that some provision should be made for the payment of their salaries, all most admit. It is very easy for writers in the public press to talk big in their ease, chairs, surrounded by every comfort and the wherewithal to procure it, and prate about the beneficial results to flow from the repudiation of the indebtedness of the city; but for those differently placed, it is quite another affair. They may endure it for a while, like the horse who was induced to eat shavings for grass with the assistance of green spectacles, but by the time they get accustomed to it, 'die.' But in all earnestness, many of the ladies engaged in our schools, are really in need of the amount due them from the city, and we are surprised that there is not sufficient gallantry actuating our Councilmen to take some steps to relieve their embarrassment. We believe that if the Council pass an ordinance to pay the ladies their salaries, (the gentlemen can wait,) they would have sufficient influence to keep the erring Councilmen from going to the county jail and paying the one thousand dollar fine. 'Have we a gallant in the Common Council?'

VIGILANT 9.—At the annual meeting of this company, held on Monday evening last, John Short was re-elected Foreman; H. O. Gough, re-elected First Assistant Foreman; J. B. Kyle, re-elected Secretary; John Hanna, Jr., Assistant Secretary; John Nicholson, re-elected Treasurer; W. L. Gough and J. D. Blumrose, Delegates; John Short, Edward Stewart and E. P. Folger, Trustees.

CALIFORNIA No. 4.—The new uniform coats for the use of this company, arrived by the steamer 'Cortes' a few days since. They were manufactured by Messrs. Cronsey & Lent, 763 Broadway, New York, and are a credit to that house. The whole cost of the uniform will amount to about thirteen hundred dollars, all of which is borne by the company.

THEATRICAL AND MUSICAL.

THE METROPOLITAN.—The principal features at this house during the week, have been the benefit to George Loler, on Wednesday evening, and the re-appearance of the Misses Gougenheims. The former attracted a most crowded and fashionable audience, the bill for the evening being of a varied and attractive nature. The net receipts of the benefit will amount to about eight hundred dollars.—The Misses Gougenheims were greeted by a crowded house on Thursday evening. We have never seen these ladies appear to so good advantage. Miss Joy's manner on the stage, infusing life, gaiety and pleasure, being in delightful contrast with the quiet, unobtrusive demeanor of Miss Adelaide, the latter, delicately subduing, as if it might be, those outbursts of glee which so distinguish the former. It is useless to attempt a newspaper criticism on the performance of these ladies. No better tribute to their worth, as 'women of refinement, and character, and talent as actresses' could be tendered them than the well filled tiers of every theater, where they have appeared. A crowded house, drawn thither by the merit of an actor or an actress, is the critic, whose opinion, y its silence or applause, condones or approves, and that the Misses G's have won a favorable opinion from that critic, is indisputable, and none rejoice at it more than we do. There is a freshness and naturalness in their abilities, which not only charms the senses, but winds itself into the inmost recess of the heart, sympathizes with their grief, enjoys their enjoyments and laughs with their glee. The engagement of the Miss Gougenheims at the Metropolitan, will be mutually pleasing and profitable.

THE AMERICAN.—This house, with the attractions furnished by its excellent stock company, has been doing a good business. Mr. Charles R. Thorne, well known to all play goers in San Francisco, made his debut on Wednesday evening, in 'Don Cesar de Braganza.' Mr. T. is the accredited agent of the family, for whose appearance arrangements have been effected at this house. We understand that Gustavus V. Brooke, the eminent tragedian, is to follow the Ravel family at the American. From all accounts, there is a prospect of a brilliant theatrical season in this city.

EXPLOSION.—A camphene lamp, suspended from the ceiling of a dry goods store on Kearny street, near Jackson, exploded last evening about 6 o'clock, setting fire to some shawls hanging near it. The proprietor of the establishment, with great presence of mind, pulled the burning mass down and threw it into the street, injuring his hands very badly. Had he not done so, however, the whole store would have been destroyed, as it was lined throughout with canvass. When will people learn to dispense with the use of so dangerous an agent as camphene.

We acknowledge the receipt of a very neat favor from our old friend William Y. Douglas, which, from the usual indications, we gleaned the fact that he was no more; or rather, that he had assumed the responsibility of married life. We wish our friends would send us 'wedding tokens,' they make us sad, although we suppose our turn will come one of these days—but when, and how, and where, alas we know not. Well, we wish you all happiness, William, in your new found 'state'—may your days be bright and without a cloud, may pleasure and contentment surround you, and may your life flow on, one uninterrupted stream of fortune's favors, is the sincere wish of the writer.

LIST OF FIRES AND ALARMS DURING THE WEEK.

Oct. 23d, 5 P. M.—Can turpentine in Drug store, on Sansome street opposite Tehama House. Damage by water, about \$250. Engines 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, and 12, in service.

Oct. 25th, 6 A. M.—Hall bell alarm, fifth district; large frame building on south-west corner of Sacramento and Davis streets. Damage, \$11,000. The entire Department on the ground No. 5 first water.

CITY HALL BELL.—The Times and Transcript appears to have some 'feeling' against the City Hall bell, or the ringers, we don't know which. In its account on Wednesday of the fire in the drug store on Sansome street, it says: 'The absurdity of trusting entirely to the City Hall bell was never more apparent than on this occasion. Though that portion of the city was in imminent danger, no bell whatever was rung.' The danger, we must confess, must have been immense, where all the damage was done by water. As to the City Hall bell, the ringers had a perfect right not to strike an alarm. There is a law, passed by the Board of Delegates, which imposes a punishment if the bell is rung, unless the ringers see a fire or have positive information that there is one raging; and we should like the astute writer in the Transcript to inform us how the bell ringers could, from their high eminence, penetrate into the rear of that drug store. But it really appears that some parties can never be pleased. When false alarms of fire started fifty editors from their 'leaders,' a demand was made upon the Department that they be stopped. And they were, and for more than five weeks there has not been a false alarm of fire, but yet the Transcript is not satisfied. The mere fact that but three thousand dollars worth of property has been destroyed in three months time, is conclusive evidence that the bell ringers on the City Hall bell perform their duty faithfully, notwithstanding the unmerciful strictures of the Times and Transcript.

MR. BUCHANAN.—The State Tribune of the 18th inst. doubts the sincerity of the above named gentlemen in his tender of a benefit to the Department Fund of this city. We beg to differ with the Tribune on that point. Had Mr. Buchanan offered a benefit prior to his successful engagement here then a doubt of the nature implied would not have been out of place, but as he waited until his engagement closed before offering his services, his sincerity cannot for a moment be doubted. Canning as Mr. B. may have been, the Tribune would have done much better had it shown less cunning.

GAS.—We noticed last evening the saloon of Mr. Jones, in the Metropolitan block, lighted up with gas prepared from the apparatus lately put in use here by Mr. J. S. Wethered. The flame was as brilliant as that generated from coal, and at the same time furnished at fifty per cent less cost. We understand that Mr. Wethered is now awaiting the arrival of a large supply of machinery and oil, and is now ready to receive orders for the introduction of his gas apparatus at his office, No. 129 Montgomery street.

HEROISM.—Yesterday afternoon a little boy about nine years of age, while playing on Pacific wharf, lost his balance and fell into the water. He had sunk twice and was on the point of sinking the third time, when James Burke, a member of Pacific 8, plunged into the water and seized the little sufferer by the neck, the tide being very strong he held him up with great difficulty. He was observed by Mr. Edward Gallagher, also a member of No. 8, who sprang into the water and through their combined efforts rescued the boy, who is now doing well. Last week a boy was drowned off Stewart street wharf, while things in the shape of men looked on without offering assistance. The above is a striking contrast.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Editor Fireman's Journal.—Please announce the name of Mr. FRANKLIN E. R. WHITNEY, Foreman of Howard Engine Company No. 3, as a candidate for Chief Engineer at the next election. se15

Editor Fireman's Journal.—Please announce the name of Mr. JAMES E. NUTTMAN, First Assistant Foreman of Knickerbocker Engine Company No. 5, as a candidate for Chief Engineer at the next election. se15

Editor Fireman's Journal.—At a meeting of Vigilant Engine Company No. 9, held on Thursday evening last, Mr. JOHN SMITH, Foreman, was nominated as a candidate for Chief Engineer at the next election. se15

Editor Fireman's Journal.—Please announce the name of JAMES L. VAN BOKKEL, Foreman of Sansome H & L Co., as a candidate for Chief Engineer, at the next election, subject to the decision of his friends. se15

Editor Fireman's Journal.—Please announce Mr. WILLIAM FREE, present Assistant Engineer, as a candidate for re-election at the next election of officers of the Department. se15

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Editor Fireman's Journal.—Please announce the name of FRANK WILSON, present Assistant Engineer, as a candidate for re-election, at the election in December next. se15

Editor Fireman's Journal.—At a meeting of Engine Engine Company No. 1, held on last evening, WILLIAM Y. DOUGLASS was nominated as a candidate for Assistant Engineer at the next election. se15

Editor Fireman's Journal.—Please announce the name of Mr. MATTHEW McINTOSH, member of Manhattan Engine Company No. 3, as a candidate for Assistant Engineer at the next election. se15

Editor Fireman's Journal.—Please announce Mr. CHARLES S. ZIMMER, member of Columbia Engine Company No. 4, as a candidate for Assistant Engineer at the next election. se15

Editor Fireman's Journal.—At a meeting of Volunteer Engine Company No. 7, held on Thursday evening, Oct. 24, JOHN M. HASKELL, Foreman of the Company, was nominated as a candidate for Assistant Engineer at the next election. se15

Editor Fireman's Journal.—At a meeting of Pacific Engine Company No. 8, held on Tuesday evening Sept. 18, Mr. CHARLES WALSH, Foreman, was nominated as a candidate for Assistant Engineer at the next election. se15

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The comfortable and favorite teamship
Sonora,
25th Nov. 1855, at 9 o'clock, A. M.
Will leave Valparaiso Street Wharf for PANAMA with
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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5th,
at 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Entire Isthmus Transit by Railroad

Passengers by the P. M. S. S. Co's Line will make
the Isthmus Transit by R.R. over the Panama Rail-
road, which is now finished from Panama to Napa.
The completion of the Railroad obviates all the diffi-
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the Isthmus and makes the transit for families most com-
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The change of sailing days from San Francisco, ensures
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Cabin passengers are allowed 100 lbs baggage, FREE.
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The P. M. S. S. Co's steamers will hereafter leave San
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THOS. D. JONES, Capt. First California Guard.

ISAAC BOWEN, Capt. First Light Dragoons.

WM. NEELY JOHNSON, Capt. First California Guard.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

500 Cases Green and Black Tea—

100 cases P. & M. Yacht Powers.

300 cases Assam and Oolong Candles.

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WAINWRIGHT, RANDALL & CO.,

Real Estate & Stock Auctioneers

No. 100, MERCHANT ST.,

SAN FRANCISCO.

We respectfully inform our friends and the public gener-

ally that we have connected with our other business that of

HOUSE BROKERAGE.

AND—

GENERAL DIRECTORY.

And have made extensive arrangements for conducting

them satisfactorily to all who may favor us with their

patronage.

As these new branches possess many features and not

having been previously introduced in this city, we deem it

proper to make manifest their advantages, not only to our

own citizens, but to all who may visit our city.

HOUSE BROKERAGE.

This department is an agency for leasing and letting

DWELLING HOUSES, STORES, OFFICES, ROOMS and

BUILDINGS of every description, and will receive at

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